(b) There is no report on losses in grapes due to natural calamities. There are some problems on post-harvest losses of grapes due to very high temperature at the harvesting time in Northern India.

(c) to (e) To help the farmers Government of India implemented a Market Intervention Scheme on grapes under which 37 quintals of grapes were purchased in Haryana during 1992-93. The General Insurance Corporation of India has started independent Crop Insurance Scheme in respect of some of the fruits and plantation crops from 1-4-1990 which includes grapes also. These schemes are being implemented directly by four Subsidiary Companies of the General Insurance Corporation of India.

Setting up of Krishi Vigyan Kendras

1296. SHRI VIRENDRA KATARIA : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Krishi Vigyan Kendras which are proposed to be set up in the country ;

(b) the names of the places where these Vigyan Kendras are being set up and what is the criteria of selecting location of such Vigyan Kendras; and

(c) the number of Vigyan Kendras which are being set up in the State of Punjab ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR) : (a) and (b) Sir, the Indian Council of Agricultural Research proposes to establish atleast one Krishi Vigyan Kendra in each district of the country. The criteria for location of Krishi Vigyan Kendras include availability of 50 acres of cultivable representative land free of cost and other municipal facilities. Preference is given to backward and hilly districts having S.C./S.T. population.

(c) Seven KVKs are functioning in Punjab at Gurdaspur, Ferozepur, Bhatinda, Abohar, Hoshiarpur, Kapurthala and Patiala and three more new KVKs are being set up at Ropar, Sangrur and Fatehgarh Sahib.

Production of Oilseed:

1297. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) what is the target fixed for production of oilseeds in the country during the current year;

(b) whether the target is likely to be met; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM) (a) and (b) Production target of 9 major oilseeds for the crop year 1992-93 was fixed at 190 lakh tonnes. This target is likey to be exceeded.

(c) Does not arise.

Development Councils for Crops

1298. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of development councils existing for different crops